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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS BALANCE SHEET

1. DEPARTMENT IS PRESENTLY REVIEWING ENTIRE QUESTION OF ARMS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT SALES TO ARGENTINA. TO ASSIST DEPT IN THIS EFFORT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CABLING A BALANCE SHEET OF ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS PLUSES AND MINUSES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE DECEMBER 1, 1977.

2. THIS BALANCE SHEET, WHICH SHOULD BE IN DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN COB APRIL 17, SHOULD SUCCINCTLY LIST BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ACTIONS OF THE GOA DURING THE LAST FOUR AND ONE HALF MONTHS.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD INCLUDE AN OVERALL EVALUATION OF THIS MATERIAL STATING WHETHER IT BELIEVES GOA HAS, ON BALANCE, MADE PROGRESS, REMAINED RELATIVELY STATIC, OR REGRESSED IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA.

4. DEPARTMENT REALIZES EMBASSY HAS REPORTED EXTENSIVELY
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ON BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO HAVE YOUR LATEST COMPILATION OF EVENTS AND CURRENT ESTIMATE OF THEIR SIGNIFICANCE TO ASSIST US IN THE PRESENT REVIEW. CHRISTOPHER

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